

3 type and size, comprising the steps of:

4 receiving from said browser a head request for the
5 header of a data file;

6 responsive to said head request, serving to said
7 browser data file header information including data
8 file data type and size;

9 responsive to said browser determining that said data
10 file data type and size are in accordance with said
11 request for data, receiving from said browser a get
12 request; and thereafter

13 responsive to said get request, serving to said browser
14 data corresponding to said header.

1 2. [Amended] A method for operating a client browser for
2 requesting a data file from a server, comprising the steps
3 of:

4 receiving data parameters including data type and size
5 from a browser user;

6 communicating to said server a head request;
7 receiving from said server in response to said head
8 request a data file header describing data file
9 parameters including data type and size;
10 determining if said data file parameters are within
11 said user data parameters; and if so,
12 communicating to said server a get request requesting
13 said server to serve said data file.

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1 11. [Amended] A server system, comprising:

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2 a first logic element for receiving from a client
3 browser a head request for a header of a data document;
4 a second logic element responsive to said head request
5 for serving to said client browser a data document
6 header including data type indicia and data size
7 indicia;
8 a third logic element for receiving from said browser a

9 get request responsive to said browser determining that
10 said data type indicia and data size indicia match a
11 user request; and

12 a fourth logic element responsive to said get request
13 for serving to said browser a data document
14 corresponding to said header.

1 12. [Amended] A server system, comprising:

2 first means for receiving from a client browser a head
3 request for a header of a data document;

4 second means responsive to said head request for
5 serving to said client browser a data document header
6 including data type indicia and data size indicia;

7 third means for receiving from said browser a get
8 request responsive to said browser determining that
9 said data type indicia and data size indicia match a
10 user request; and

11 fourth means responsive to said get request for serving

12 to said browser a data document corresponding to said
13 header.

1 13. [Amended] A client browser for requesting a data file
2 from a server, comprising:

3 means for receiving user specified data parameters
4 including data type and size from a browser user;

5 means for communicating to said server a head request;

6 means for receiving from said server in response to
7 said head request a data file header describing data
8 file parameters including data type and size;

9 means for determining if said data file parameters are
10 within said user specified data parameters; and if so,

11 means operable for communicating to said server a get
12 request requesting said server to serve said data file.

1 14. [Amended] A program storage device readable by a

2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 operating a client browser for requesting a data file from a
5 server, said method steps comprising:

6 receiving user data parameters including data size and
7 type from a browser user;

8 *V2* communicating to said server a head request;

9 receiving from said server in response to said head
10 request a data file header describing data file
11 parameters including data size and type;

12 determining if said data file parameters are within
13 said user data parameters; and only if so,

14 communicating to said server a get request requesting
15 said server to serve said data file.

1 15. [Amended] An article of manufacture comprising:

2 a computer useable medium having computer readable

3 program code means embodied therein for operating a
4 client browser for requesting a data file from a
5 server, the computer readable program means in said
6 article of manufacture comprising:

7 computer readable program code means for causing a
8 computer to effect receiving user specified data
9 parameters from a browser user;

10 computer readable program code means for causing a
11 computer to effect communicating to said server a head
12 request;

13 computer readable program code means for causing a
14 computer to effect receiving from said server in
15 response to said head request a data file header
16 describing data file parameters;

17 computer readable program code means for causing a
18 computer to effect determining if said data file
19 parameters are within said user specified data
20 parameters; and only if so,

21 computer readable program code means for causing a

22 computer to effect communicating to said server a get
23 request requesting said server to serve said data file.

1 16. [Amended] A computer program element for operating a
2 client browser for requesting a data file from a server
3 according to the steps of:

4 receiving data parameters including data type and size
5 from a browser user;

6 communicating to said server a head request;

7 receiving from said server in response to said head
8 request a data file header describing data file
9 parameters including data type and size;

10 determining if said data file parameters are within
11 said user data parameters; and if so,

12 communicating to said server a get request requesting
13 said server to serve said data file.

1 17. [Amended] A program storage device readable by a
2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 operating a server responsive to a request for data from a
5 client browser, said method steps comprising:

6 *b2* receiving from said browser a head request for the
7 header of a data file;

8 responsive to said head request, serving to said
9 browser data file header information including data
10 type and data size;

11 receiving from said browser a get request responsive to
12 said browser determining that said data file is of a
13 data type and data size specified by a user; and
14 thereafter

15 responsive to said get request, serving to said browser
16 data corresponding to said header.

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